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Avista rare increase comments

Dear IPUC,

Living in one of the most depressed areas of Idaho and the avista utility company, I observe firsthand the poverty that family, friends and neighbors incur as a result.

At this time I am writing to ask for your consideration in not allowing the rate increases to be approved that avista is asking for in the next several years. Instead please consider a rate reduction. Your records will provide the necessary financial figures to show how such a rate is neither necessary nor reflective of any problems related to the general operation of the company. With the news the company is being purchased for several billions of dollars, most would agree that is a substantial amount of money to take care of any costs to ensure sufficient confidence with its operations and service to its customers.

A rate increase of any kind is not justifiable. Please take these comments into consideration.

Thank you.

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